GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
INTERNAL SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is grave threat to the internal security of the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether security threats to the country have also affected the pace of its development;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard;

(e) whether Chief Ministers conference has been held recently in New Delhi on this issue;

(f) if so, the details of the proposals received for strengthening of internal security in the country therein;

(g) the decisions arrived at the conference; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government for ensuring the security of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.120 FOR ANSWER ON 25TH FEBR 2003 REGARDING `INTERNAL SECURITY`.

(a) to (d): Major concerns of the current internal security scenario in the country center around cross-border terrorism in J&K, subversive activities of militant groups (some of whom have trans-border bases) in the North East, and the violence perpetrated by the left wing extremist groups in some States.

(e) to (g): Chief Ministers Conference was held on 8th February, 2003 at New Delhi to review the internal security situation in the country and deliberated on the steps to be taken to deal with the emerging threats thereto. The Conference resolved that the States will strengthen and streamline the Special Branches of their police forces, make full use of existing intelligence apparatus and modernize the State police forces to address the issues relating to internal security. The States were also asked to strengthen areas bordering Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh and launch special drives to deport illegal foreign nationals.The Left Wing Extremism affected States were interalia required to accelerate the physical and social infrastructure in the affected districts and to make administrative machinery more responsive, transparent and sensitive.

(h): The Central Government from time to time sensitize theState Governments with regard to internal security scenario prevailing in the country. The Central Government also provides assistance to the States by way of deployment of Central Para Military Forces, intelligence sharing and financial support as per a scheme to modernize the state police forces. In addition, 32 organizations have been notified as Terrorist Organizations under the POTA (Prevention of Terrorism Act), 2002. Diplomatic initiatives have been taken to check cross- border criminal/terrorist activities.